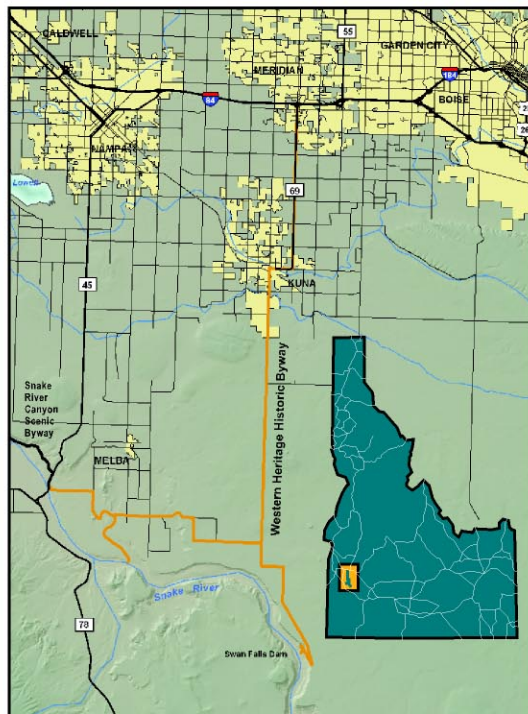


Western Heritage Historic Byway

To drive the Western Heritage Historic Byway is to experience "Wild" Idaho. The Birds of Prey National Conservation Area is home to the largest population of nesting raptors in the world. Travel back in time as you descend into the Snake River Canyon. At the bottom of the canyon, imagine the volcano which created today's Yellowstone Park passing underneath your feet nearly 14 million years ago. Walk through a field of hundred-ton boulders that were deposited by one of the largest floods in geologic history, and discover thousand-year-old petroglyphs inscribed by early Native Americans that are still visible today.

Idaho was a vast territory when gold and silver discoveries in the Owyhee Mountains brought miners and homesteaders. At the dawn of the 20th century, Swan Falls Dam, the first powerhouse on the Snake River was the birthplace of modern electricity—the same standard used throughout the world today. Experience Idaho's western heritage. Museums, birds of prey, ancient sites, and mining towns along with the rugged outdoors are your invitation to create your own unique Idaho frontier adventure.



Location - Beginning at exit 44 of I-84 follow Idaho 69 southbound for 8 miles to East Avalon Avenue in Kuna. Turn south on Swan Falls Road and continue for 21 miles through the Birds of Prey National Conservation Area (NCA) to Swan Falls Dam. To reach Celebration Park, travel west on Victory Lane, north on McDermott Road, west along Warren Spur Road, and then south on Sinker Road to the park. To continue west from Celebration Park turnoff, travel Warren Spur Road to Hill Road, head north to Ferry Road.

From Ferry Road go south on Idaho 45 to the Snake River.

Length - 47 miles. Allow 1.5 hour for travel.

Roadway - Idaho 69 is a paved 5-lane road. Swan Falls Road is a two-lane, paved road to Swan Falls Dam. The final mile is a steep grade from the Snake River canyon rim to the dam site. Ice patches occur infrequently during winter weather.

When to see it - Throughout the year. Birds of prey migrate in and are active March to late June.

Special attractions - Kuna's Visitor Center provides orientation for byway attractions including: Birds of Prey NCA; Idaho's Initial Point with a 360 degree view of the Lower Snake River Plain; Dedication Point (wheelchair accessible) offers views of the Snake River Canyon; Swan Falls Dam Historic Powerhouse and Museum*; Celebration Park, Idaho's only archeological park offers camping and boat launch; Owyhee County Museum.

Services - Full traveler services are available in Kuna including gift shops, groceries, auto parts and service. A variety of restaurants offer cuisine ranging from country cooking, ethnic dishes, to fine dining.

Contacts - Kuna Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center: 208-922-9254, www.kunachamber.com; Bureau of Land Management: 208-384-3300; Kuna City Hall: 208-922-5546; www.byways.org/explore/byways/2593/

* Due to security, schedule appointments in advance for Swan Falls Dam Historic Powerhouse. Idaho Power: 208-736-3458.